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## NATIONAL OFFICE NEWS

The date for the WLIC/IFLA Conference is getting nearer, and we are encouraging you to attend this prestigious event. Remember that on the 17th of August 2007 just before this conference, LIASA is holding its AGM and the 10th anniversary Gala dinner. At the AGM awards such as the YPB Library Services/LIASA Acquisitions Interest Groups Award which recognises those who work in collection and technical services, and the newly instituted South African Librarians' Book Choice award will be presented. The LIASA/Sabinet Librarian of the Year Award will be presented at the 10th Anniversary Gala Dinner. More activities are in the pipeline.

In March, the South African Library Week 2007 launch was held in Saulsville, Tshwane in partnership with the Tshwane Community Library. It was a very successful event. A report and photos appears elsewhere in this issue of L-I-T. Congratulations to the winners of the US/ IFLA grant whose names were announced at the South African Library Week launch.

The CICD Project Coordinator, Solomon Dude left LIASA in March 2007 and we wish him all the best for the future.

Unfortunately, this is also my farewell note as the LNO Office Manager. Thank you for the support and encouragement during the year that I have spent with LIASA. I must say working in LNO has been one of the most rewarding experiences of my life. Thank you again for making me feel so welcome!

*Adelaide Vilakazi*

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Digital Library Standards and Metadata, the basics**: A one-day joint Seminar presented by the LIASA (IGBIS) and the GAELIC Focus Group for Digitisation and Metadata.
**Topics**: Institutional Repositories, Metadata, XML, Digital Imaging Technology and Text Encoding will be addressed at an introductory level.
**Venue**: Senate Hall, Unisa, Muckleneuk Campus, Pretoria
**Date**: 20 June 2007
**Closing dates and registration fees**: IGBIS members and staff members from GAELIC institutions – R300pp; Non-members – R350
**Closing day for registration**: 6 June 2007. No registration will be accepted without payment.
**Registration form and preliminary programme on IGBIS website.**

**Knowledge transfer for the future:** a Post-WLIC / IFLA 2007 Seminar, presented by the LIASA Interest Group for Bibliographic Standards (IGBIS)
**Date**: 24 August 2007**Venue**: ICC, Durban
**Speakers**: Joan Mitchell (Editor in Chief: Dewey Decimal Classi-fication); Dr Barbara Tillett (Library of Congress, Cataloging Policy and Support Office); Pat Liebetrau (Metadata specialist: DISA – Digital Imaging South Africa)
**Topics**: Dewey Decimal Classi-fication System, Resource Description and Access (RDA), Functional Requirements for Bibliographic Records (FRBR) and Metadata.
**Closing dates & registration fees**: Early – before 31 May – R400; Regular – before 13 July: R450; Late – before 3 August (closing day for registration): R600. **Please note:** No registration will be accepted without payment.
**Registration form available on IGBIS website: www.liasa.org.za/interest_groups/igbis.php**

## EDITORS NOTES

It is with great pleasure that we bring you a bumper 10th Anniversary issue of *LIASA-in-Touch*. LIASA Presidents, former Editors, Chair of the Conference Coordinating Committee and PRO's were invited to take us down memory lane. Their very special contributions start on page 15. I would like to invite all our members to follow suit and share their special LIASA memories so that we can continue to celebrate this milestone for the rest of the year.

As with every June issue we bring you special coverage of SA Library Week. The many activities around the country, even in the remote areas like Eksteenfontein, show how popular the Week has become in all types of libraries around the country. We want to encourage librarians to share their experiences with their colleagues nationally, regionally and even internationally. After all, if YOU don't tell the world, then who else will know about the wonderful work you do.

As usual, this issue would not be possible without the generous support of our advertisers and it gives us further pleasure to announce that we have once more been given a grant by the National Lottery Distribution Trust Fund. In acknowledgement their logo is once more back on our cover and LIASA members receive the magazine absolutely free of charge. All YOU have to do is keep your membership current by renewing it every year.

*Nohra Moerat*